

REMARKS

Claims 15-43 and 45-53 remain pending in the application, claims 14 and 44 being canceled herein.

Allowable Claims 15-23 and 45-53

In the Office Action, claims 15-23 and 45-53 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 15-23 and 45-53 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 15-23 and 45-53 are amended herein to be in independent form. Claims 15-23 and 45-53 are now in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that the objection now be withdrawn.

Claim 14 over Admitted Prior Art

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over admitted prior art. Claim 14 is canceled herein, thereby mooting the present invention. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 44 over Admitted Prior Art

Claim 44 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over admitted prior art. Claim 44 is canceled herein, thereby mooting the present invention. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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